not do anything. I have also added in my reply that it would be most embarrassing to order a public enquiry if after the results of that public enquiry, there was to be a judicial tribunal deliberating on the matter which might or might not agree with the results of that enquiry. In order to avoid that kind of conflict or possible conflict, Government stated in their reply to Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai that they were not prepared to have any enquiry.

The Chief Secretary will please place on the table of the Secretary to the Assembly the correspondence on this matter.

Elections to the Legislature.

28. * **MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has given any specific direction or directions written or otherwise to the managers and teachers of grant-in-aid schools regarding their conduct in the recent elections to the Legislature;

(*b*) whether any direction has been given during elections of this kind on previous occasions and if there has been a deviation in the policy of the Government this time what was the reason for such deviation and if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative what were the directions given ; and

(*c*) whether any rule or law exists prohibiting or controlling the managers and teachers of grant-in-aid schools being candidates or agents in elections to the Legislature and local bodies and if so what is the rule or law ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There is no rule or law to the effect. Those who applied for permission were permitted to stand as candidates for election provided the Managers of their schools agreed.

Circular issued by the Director of Public Instruction.

29. * **MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction issued a circular to the managers and teachers of aided schools directing them not to participate in the elections except by exercising their votes ;

(*b*) whether Messrs. Mannathu Padmanabha Pillai and M. Govindan who are managers of aided schools indulged in active canvassing both through the Press and the platform in contravention of the circular ; and

(*c*) whether any case of aided school teachers and managers acting as the authorised polling agents of N. S. S. and S. N. D. P. candidates has come to the notice of the Government ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

(*c*) No.

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